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HOUSE DEMOCRATS ARE WIDELY SPLIT ON SHIP PURCHASE

Planned to Send Bill Through Harry Lohman Wounded In Under Whip, Gag and Spur.

CROP OF NEW LEADERS MAKES APPEARANCE

Caucus Expected to Bind Party Members to Vote for

SENATE CLOTURE

President's Followers Decide to Pres Rule Upon Body-Situation

Is Discussed From All Angles.

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leaders," to shove through Webb combination rule and ship bill in ghtest chance of an amendment, pol-

Special Gag Rule.

The plan to get a ship purchase bill through the House at one sitting involves the reporting of a special gag rule. The compromise measure is a combination of the Weeks bill, providing for the use for mail and express work of certain naval auxiliaries and the Gore ship purchase bill, together with an amendment combining the two that would preclude further amendments. The caucus tomorrow night is expected to bind the House democrats together, so as to enforce support as a party measure. Under the rules of the democratic caucus democrats have to abide by a caucus unless they have pledged themselves otherwise to their constituents, or unless they believe a

measure unconstitutional.

However, the democrats who have been opposed to ship purchase right been opposed to ship purchase right along are just as much opposed to the House plan as to any of the previous plans. As one leader said yesterday:
"This bill simply gives them a toehold," and lets them get a fresh grip, i cannot see why the administration wants to get a record vote in the House, because it will surely show that the bill can never pass in the next Congress, even if it passes the House now. This compromise measure will not change a single vote."

See Success for Plan.

On the other hand those favoring will sail easily through the House. Senate republicans asserted that the compromise plan failed to eliminate the principal objections and would meet the same obstructions in the San ate as the pending bill. In other words, there are signs of a fresh filibuster as soon as the compromise bill gets out of the House and into the Senate. The ponents say the compromise bill now before the House will permit the purchase of beligerent owned ships, and would allow the government to con-tinue indefinitely in the shipping busi-

That the matter is going to be a government ownership fight has been evident to many observers for several weeks, and a verbal duel on that point was fought in the House yesterday between Representative Dies of Texas and Representative Lewis of Maryland.

Idea Called Socialistic.

That the ship purchase idea is so-

stampeded into the dead sea of socialism.

"I love to support the President and to keep step with the party, but you are not going to scare me or jar me loose from the principles of my demoratic fathers and take me into socialism and government ownership by telling me that you have to have this minute more facilities to handle our stuff. Once we embark this government into socialism and government ownership there is no turning back. When the government owns a railroad or these other great facilities it will either make a horrible, ghastly fallure of government ownership or you will have to change the form of government."

Expresentative Lewis defended the form of socials mentioned in the official bulletin."

"This movement," continues the writer, "evidently was designed by Grand Duke Nicholas to relieve the pressure on the Warsaw front. He miscalculated, however, the strength of the possible German advance from West Prussia, which here, too, is already shattering the Russian general's plan of campaign, as shown in the operations to the north and west of Sierpec, where the Germans captured hundreds of prisoners in two days, fighting, ending with the occupation of Sierpec.

"These successes in the eastern arena prove the superiority of the German tall."

Representative Lewis defended the prove the superiority of the German tal-(Continued on Fourth Page.)

POLICE SERGEANT PERHAPS FATALLY

Attempting to Arrest Leo Newman This Morning.

In a pistol duel at 9th and E MEASURES IN CONGRESS streets about 2 o'clock this morning Police Sergeant Harry Lohman of the first precinct was probably mortally injured and Leo Newman, believed to be a resident of Grant place, was shot in the

Both injured men were removed to the Emergency Hospital.
Sergt. Lohman was found to have

Subject of Good-Natured Raps.

NEW PRESIDENT INSTALLED two bullet wounds in the breast and his condition was pronounced critical. Newman's leg was frac-

Lohman Is Shot in Breast. According to the police, Newman was walking down 9th street early this morning, accompanied by Frank Mack and Elsie Griffith, both colored. Sergt.

Policeman Shoots Fleeing Man.

Dectevive Cole caught hold of the returned the fire at Newman. Policesaw the commotion and observed Newman running south on 9th street; he also opened fire with his revolver. Newman fell to the pavement, and as the policeman upon reaching him found him disabled.

placed in a passing automobile and nurried to Emergency hospital. Mack and Woman Held. Mack and the Griffith woman are be

Officially Announces Infliction of Heavy Loss on Foes Near Lyck.

PETROGRAD, February 14.-Latest reports from the front in East Prussia show that the German forces there have been checked, the army of Grand Dake Nicholas having inflicted heavy losses upon the Germans who had at tacked our forces west of Iurburg in the region of Lyck. Here the Germans made a fierce attack and were repulsed decisively. This is the first en-counter since the Russians took up their new lines. Official circles here feel certain that von Hindenburg will be more thoroughly benten this time than last, and that the capture of East Prussia and its permanent retention is merely a matter of time.

Russian reinforcements have already sian artillery successfully bombarded the enemy's columns, which were mov-ing in various directions, and a number

of them were dispersed.

Praise Von Hindenburg. BERLIN, via London, February 13, 11 p.m.—The success of the Germans in the view held here, the quiet strategy of Field Marshai von Hindenburg, his?" which is designed to strike an enemy "No when and where the blow is least ex- Senate."

That the ship purchase idea is socialistic was the text of the Texas congressman's remarks.

"Nothing on earth could make me
commit the political heresy of voting
for government ownership of anything," said Representative Dies, "and
I do not want this Congress to be
stampeded into the dead sea of socialism.

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'ROASTING' PROCESS AT GRIDIRON DINNER PLEASANT FEATURE

Thirtieth Anniversary of Club Celebrated With Program of Varied Numbers.

WORKED INTO SKETCHES

Ship Bill, Literacy Test, Constitutional Amendments and Others Subject of Good-Natured Raps.

Edgar C. Snyder Bids All Welcom in Cordial Terms and Then Is First Victim of the Even-

ing's Frolic.

Celebrating the thirtieth anniversar of its organization, the Gridiron Club gave a dinner last night at the New Willard Hotel to one of the largest festal board. The characters "XXX," very much in evidence, might have applied not only to the years of existence, but served as a brand and label of the occasion and the guest list.

The floral decorations were surpas furnished appropriate environment for the distinguished gathering that

the distinguished gathering that graced it.

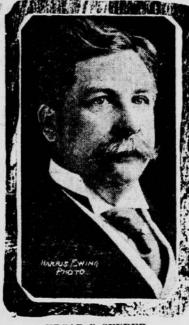
Edgar C. Snyder, the latest of a long line of presidents of the club, bade the guests welcome in cordial terms, and the Gridiron Quartet added a verse of melody to the greeting. Then the show was on ere the guests could look up from their last oyster.

It turned out that Mr. Snyder himself was to be the first victim of the menu of good-natured and gentle "roasts" provided for the evening's entertainment. There was commotion in the banquet hall as all the members of the club gathered in the well, the open space in front of the president's chair and between the two adjacent tables. There were mutterings and protests and some apparent or assumed show of feeling.

Insists on Literacy Test. "What's all this about?" asked

the Gridiron Club.' "We don't know whether you are or not. That's what this row is about, Who is that sitting next you?" "That's the Vice President of the

"That's what you say, but some of is don't think so. We elected Edgar C. Snyder president of this club, but he has Impersonated Vice President Mar-



EDGAR C. SNYDER, President of the Gridiron Club.

shall in Gridiron skits so often that v reached the new positions, which are well fortified, and continued heavy losses on the part of the enemy can be expected.

On the left bank of the Vistula Russian artillery successfully bombarded the enemy's columns, which were moving in various directions and a number of the successfully bombarded the enemy's columns, which were moving in various directions and a number of the successfully bombarded the enemy's columns, and a number of the Gridiron skits so often that we don't know who's who, and it looks to some of us as if there had been a case of gross substitution."

"Why should you think that Vice President Marshall wants to be President of the Gridiron Club?"

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., February dent of the Gridiron Club?"

13.—That Federal Judge Alston G. Boyton of the northern district of the president of the president of the successful to the president of the president o emt of the Gridiron Club?"
"Well, we know that he has always
been hankering to be president of
something, and the club insists that
you submit to an identification and
literacy test.

Ship Bills That Won't Pass. "Have you conspired with Vice President Marshall to swap your office for

"No! He has to associate with the "Have you ever read 'Ships That Pass

thor?"
"No, the Lord forbid!"
"That's more than the Vice President
of the United States dare say. It is
final proof of identification and of
mental fitness."

Is Formally Installed.

presented with the gavel and the grid-Then there were songs by the must committee in welcome to some or the noted people present, Secretary Bryan, Senator Borah and Chauncey M. De-pew being featured. The verse to Mr. Depew ran thus, to the tune "Hold Your Hand Out, Naughty Boy":

Here's to Chauncey M. Depew, With our compliments to you. Once, more, as in days of yore. O Chauncey! O Chauncey! With a song we'll welcome you. As we always used to do. You're the tie that binds us to the Here's to Chauncey M. Depew. hat binds us to the years gone by, neey M. Depew. Sudden darkening of the big hall was

MOTHER DEMOCRACY SQUASH CENTER GROCERY

BRITISH TROOPS ROUT TURKS UNDER GERMANS

Force of 200 Surprised Near English Plane Hurled to Earth Tor, Along Suez, Destroyed, London Says.

entrance to the Gulf of Suez, were at from Cairo. One hundred were taken prisoners and of the others

The official report states that in Jannary fifty Turks and two German officers approached Tor, believing that the place was undefended. Finding Tor garrisoned by 200 Egyptian soldiers, they sent for reinforcements. These arrived and a force numbering a little over 200 occupied a village to the north of Tor.

upon their position at dawn yesterday. parations for the 1916 campaign. The official report concludes as fol-

"The enemy's force was annihilated. Over one hundred prisoners were takn, among them a Turkish major. Over

away.
"Twenty camels were captured and
the enemy's camp and their stores
were destroyed. Our losses were one
Gurkha killed and one wounded."

CRITICISE JUDGE DAYTON.

Dayton of the northern district of West Virginia from the bench ferred to members of the United Mine Workers of America as "criminal conspirators," was the testimony of At-torney John C. Palmer of Wheeling, at he session tonight of the congressional subcommittee which is investigating ludge Dayton's official record. Palmer, who was on the stand more than two hours, told of Judge Dayton's rulings against members of the miners' Maj. Moraht's Comment.

Maj. Moraht's Comment.

Maj. Moraht, the military critic of the Tageblatt, calls attention to the fact that the Russians had strongly fortified their position, which, he points out, only enhances von Hindenburg's tactical achievement.

In the opinion of this critic, Grand Duke Nicholas evidently intended to carry out an offensive movement after breaking the German lines, and hence the can plead the baby act."

"Have you ever read Ships That Pass union. Several defendants in the contempt proceedings arising out of the suit of the West Virginia-Pittsburgh tony?"

"Well, I remember when William J. Bryan first ran for President."

"If President Wilson neglects his duty what excuse can he offer?"

"Well, under present circumstances, where the can plead the baby act."

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Claims Defeat of English.

BERLIN, February 13 .- It is officially eported from German Southwes Africa that Maj. Ritter, at the begin ning of February, attacked an English fortified position on the north bank of the Orange river, chasing his antago-nists over the river and destroying the local ferryboat.

German Wounded From Alsace. BASEL, Switzerland, February 13 .-

Tug Is Sunk by Steamer. NEW HAVEN, Conn., February 13 .-The freight steamer York collided with and sang the tug Enterprise of Phil-

TAUBE WINS AIR FIGHT. KILLS BRITISH FLYERS

THE COURT ROOM

at Brussels-Zeppelin and Aero Battle.

it is believed that not one escaped Confers With Political Chiefs at White House on Campaign for 1916.

President Wilson discussed his plans for political speeches during spring and summer last night at a White On their arrival becoming known a House conference with members of small detachment of British troops the executive campaign committee of landed in their rear, and, advancing the democratic national committee, over the hills, made a surprise attack which outlined during the day its prep-The President, it was said, undoubtaddresses on the way to and from the

San Francisco exposition. Even should he be kept from attending the exposien, among them a lurassi major.

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It is in March, as now planned, by an field, and it is believed that none got extra session of Congress, it was said

Candidacy Not Discussed. The question of Mr. Wilson's own

candidacy, it was said tonight, was not discussed, although it, was agreed that much of the material for the campaign will be based on his record. It was made clear that the committee would not work for any particular candidate, but for the success of whoever is nominated.

A statement given out by the committee said the party was in a flourishing condition and that "the nation is entering upon the most prosperous period in all its history." It was stated decision had been reached to continue the work of the permanent headquarters of the party here.

The meeting was attended by Rep-

resentative A. Mitchell Palmer, chairman of the committee; Fred B. Lynch of Minnesota, Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut and Cato Sells of Texas. Written reports from other members of the national committee were read.

CHARGE OF DYNAMITING

Arrest of Man Indicted in Los Angeles Case of October, 1910.

NEW YORK, February 13.-Matthew

A. Schmidt, thirty-four years old, was arrested here tonight as a fugitive from justice, on an indictment found in Los Angeles in October, 1910, charging him with having been implicated in dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building. The arrest was made on upper Broadway, Many trains containing wounded men where detectives had traced him after a from Guebweiler and Kolmar, passed search of four years. Detective William search of four years. Detective William througe Muelhause today for towns J. Burns, who accompanied the officer in the Black forest. making the arrest, said the indictment charges That Schmidt was one of several

men who went with J. B. MacNamara to the works of the Giant Powder Company in California and purchased 1,000 pounds of dynamite. and sang the tug Enterprise of PhilSchmidt was held in magistrate's ployes as will effectually prevent in adelphia in the harbor tonight. The court on a short affidavit, without ball, future a recurrence of such a mistake until February 24, to await extradition.

Brussels. Thursday of this week an English aeroplane approached the Belgian capital presumably to bombard

flerce fight ensued, ending in victory for the German. The British machine suddenly crashed to the ground, and its two occupants were picked up dead. The English aviators who yesterday The English aviators who yesterday raided German positions on the Belgian coast caused injury to the civil population, but from the military point of view the damage they did was slight, according to the announcement on the progress of the war given out in Berlin this afternoon.

Aero and Zeppelin Fight.

PARIS, February 13, 5:35 p.m.-Great activity of French and German air craft is reported from the Sundgau region of upper Alsace, according to a dispatch from Basel, Switzerland, to the Paris Temps. The machines are flying at a great height and generally avoid projectiles.

A Zeppelin dirigible balloon coming

from the direction of the Black forest flew over Muelhausen toward the French fortress of Belfort, and entered into an engagement with French air-men, but with what result, the message

SOLDIER UNDER CHARGES. Detected in Making Sketches of

Panama Canal Locks. PANAMA, February 13. — Private Charles H. Hill of the 10th Infantry, U. S. A., who has been doing lock guard duty at Miraflores, was tried this morn-issued by Gen. Medina to stop their should inspire the same respect as the part of the same respect as the same respect as the part of the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted to pursue the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted to pursue the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted to pursue the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted to pursue the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted to pursue the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would in the circumstances constituted the suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment by the Spanish government would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment would be suggested that Mr. Caro's a pointment would be suggested that Mr. C ing by a court-martial on the charge progress. of having made sketches of the locks, of taken notes and drawn a few unimportant maps. The sketches, notes and maps were meager. He had a letter addressed to the Japanese charge at Panama, but Japan is not represented on the isthmus. The decision of the court has not been announced. Hill says he was using this means for getting out of the service.

Two foreign tourists, who have been taking photographs of the Panama canal locks and other works, as well as the governor's residence, have been taken governor's residence, have been under observation for several days. The case is not thought to be important and although the tourists have been under surveilance by the military authorities no other action has been the case is not thought to be important and although the surveilance by the military authorities no other action has been under surveilance by the military authorities no other action has been the locks and other works, as well as the governor's residence, have been inder surveilance by the military authorities no other action has been the locks and other works.

Llorente Guadalajara followed by a hundred of his men. He succeeded in surprising the weak gart rison there, killing 360 of the Dieguez troops and taking 360 of the Dieguez troops and ta of having made sketches of the locks, case is not thought to be important and although the tourists have been under surveilance by the military au-thor/ties no other action has been taken thus far.

DROPS THEATER CASE.

Navy Department Not to Act Regarding Uniform Complaint.

Secretary Daniels of the Navy Depart-ment yesterday notified the management of a vaudeville theater in this city that after investigation of the case of W. L. Van Camp, an enlisted man of the navy, who was excluded from that theater on peared that there was not sufficient evidence on which to predicate an indictment and that the department has decided not to further prosecute the matter. That course of action, Mr. Danlels said, was taken on the advice of the United States district attorney in this city. city.
"It is noted," said Mr. Daniels, "that
the management of the theater has dis-

the management of the theater has dis-claimed any discrimination against the uniform of the navy, and that the man-ager states that enlisted men of the navy in uniform are admitted without ques-tion, and the department trusts that the management will exercise such care and issue such instructions to its em-ployes as will effectually prevent in the

SPAIN ASKS POWERS TO HALT MEXICO ROW, **NEWS DISPATCHES SAY**

Joint Action She Asks Is Taken Monroe Doctrine Would Be Put to Test Among Diplomats.

NO ADVICES ARE RECEIVED, OFFICIALS HERE DECLARE

Diplomat Over Whom Most Recent Trouble Has Occurred ls Safe on Battleship Delaware at Vera Cruz. Washington Deeply Concerned Over Situation.

LONDON, February 13, 7:10 p.m.—The Spanish government has made application to the powers in order to obtain joint action to end what is termed a state of anarchy in Mexico, according to a dispatch from Madrid to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE MAY BE INVOLVED.

Students of international law and customs pointed out last night that if the foregoing dispatch is true, and if other European powers onsent to act with Spain in the joint manner suggested, the question of the present-day application of the Monroe doctrine will be put to the test between the diplomats of Europe and of the United

It is known in Washington that persons prominently identified with Mexican affairs have been expecting some such action by either Great Britain or Spain for the past two weeks. Following the recent arrival in Washington of Gen. Eduardo Iturbide, and a number of interviews he had with the Spanish and British ambassadors here, as well as with members of the cabinet, it was stated by him that the recent frequent representations to the State Department in regard to the frightful conditions in Mexico were more than likely merely preliminary to a joint demand about to be made on the government of the United States by the European powers for a settlement by the United States of the Mexican tragedy.

Villa Gets Guadalajara. the Second Largest City;

Invites Caro to Join Him EL PASO, Tex., February 13 .- Guadlajara, second largest city in Mexico, troops, according to a telegram received tonight by the Associated Press. Gen. Villa describes his victory as com-

Gen. Villa today instructed Enrique C. Llorente, conventionalist representa-tive at Washington, to invite Jose Caro, the Spanish minister to Mexico, de-

tive at Washington, to invite Jose Caro, the Spanish minister to Mexico, declared persona non grata by Gen. Carranza, to attach himself to Villa's headquarters.

The Villa victory today over the Carranza troops of Gen. Dieguez, followed previous Carranza advices that the first attack on Guadalajara had been repulsed. Guadalajara is the key to the west coast district and an important railroad center.

Villa also told of the execution at Guadalajara by the Carranza troops of several priests.

Villa's telegram, which was dated at Guadalajara, follows:

"Despite the bravado and insolence of the enemy they have not been courageous enough to awalt our forces. They now contine to flee everywhere. Every day they are losing partisans who come to our files.

Main Carranza Group Left.

Main Carranza Group Left.

"We entered Guadalajara today and nmediately after continued to pursue

"Gen. Medina entered Guadalajara fol-

Llorente Receives Advices.

Enrique C. Llorente, Washington repvices last evening from Piedras Neras, declaring that the Villa troops had defeated the Carranza forces at Castano, eighteen miles south of Mon-clova, and driven the enemy four sta-tions northward.

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Advices to the State Department from Piedas Negras, however, state that Thursday Villa's troops evacuated Monclova and moved south, the Carranza forces under Gen. Luis Gutierrez occupying the town without resistance.

A report to the State Department last night from Tampico says the food situation there is serious. The local government has imported corn from Vera Cruz and sold it to the peons at a nominal price.

About 500 Americans left Tampico recently for the United States. A number of destitute families in the interior also are to be sent north.

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Fire in Thomas Bayne's Home.

About \$100 damage was done by fire which originated from a defective flue yesterday afternoon in the home of Thomas Bayne on Broad Branch road. No. 20 engine company extinguished the flames. The house is swned by George Mullen.

the deportation of Caro:

"I ordered the expulsion of Jose Caro, was called minister of Spain to Mexico, for the following reasons: Angel de Caso, a Spaniard who has lived for years in Mexico, has been married to a Mexican woman, has had children born in the country, is an owner of real estate and one of the most important accomplices of Francisco Villa.

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No Advices Received at State Department

or Spanish Embassy While administration leaders were nterested in the report that Spain has fell today into the hands of the Villa addressed a communication to the nations asking joint action in the Mexican situation, Secretary Bryan sald last night that no such application had as yet been reectved by the Wash-

ington government. He added that the State Department had not been advised that any such step was contemplated.

At the Spanish embassy it was said no word had been received from Madrid as to the decision of the cabinet, but that a full report of the expulsion a few days ago from Mexico of Jose Caro, the Spanish minister, on which it is presumed here Spain's reported action is based, had been sent by Mr. Caro through the embassy here to the Spanish foreign office.

Peculiar Status of Diplomats.

The peculiar status of all diplomatic epresentatives in a country wherein no government is recognized, it was ably override the techincal point that diplomatic immunities because he had

not presented his credentials.

It was suggested that Mr. Caro's appointment by the Spanish government would be the usually given diplomatic

tives.

Until the nature of Spain's suggestions are known Washington officials declined to speculate on the probable course of the American government.

Officials Here Concerned.

That conditions in Mexico have been growing gradually worse is admitted by officials in the State Department They are much concerned over the reports which have been coming from Mexico for the last three days. lack of food and unrest in the population, and the fact that . lexico City is of no great strategic importance, diplomats in Mexico City fear the place may be left without semblance of authority

at any moment. There has been a disposition on the part of the United States government to regard the expulsion of the Spanish minister as a personal matter between Gen. Carranza and Mr. Caro, but whether or not this was a fixed policy of the Washington government and would be influenced by any formal diplomatic action taken by Spain was a matter of wide conjecture.

Carranza's Explanation

The constitutionalist agency here dispatch from Carranza in regard to the deportation of Caro:

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